



**PATENT APPLICATION**

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of

Kazuhiro NAKAGAWA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1731

Application No.: 09/786,470

Examiner: C. Lopez

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Docket No.: 108776

For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SILICA GLASS MEMBER AND SILICA GLASS  
MEMBER OBTAINED BY THE METHOD

**LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> EXTENSION  
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND  
TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17**

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